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February 24, 2015

Senator Sara Gelser, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood
and Members of the Committee

Re: Support of SB 617

Dear Senator Gelser and members of the Committee:

The Oregon Rehabilitation Association is a statewide advocacy organization representing the full spectrum of IDD providers in Oregon. We would like to go on record in support of SB617 to establish a task force on housing for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We support the position of the IDD Coalition, of which ORA is also a member, and detailed comments submitted by Leslie Sutton on this issue and support the task force “... *because it recognizes that housing for people with IDD must include the Community Housing Trust Account, the current IDD housing stock and other community housing assistance and opportunities. SB 617 also recognizes that housing is fundamental to community integration and self-determination for people with I/DD.*”

Thank you again for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Chris Burnett

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